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Aviation Science at NSU



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Dear Northwestern Alumni:

Homecoming was great this year. All that returned enjoyed reminiscing over old times, getting together with friends, and stepping back in time. If you could not make it this year, promise yourself that you will make plans for next year. We love to have you back and you will enjoy coming back.

The new board concept in the different chapter areas is working. The Lafayette group chose to work with recruiting and held two workshops in their area for high school juniors and seniors to learn about financial aid. Several representatives from the Admissions Office, Financial Aid and Scholars' college attended to talk to these students. The Lafayette group provided refreshments and were also present to meet and mingle. Thank you, Lafayette.

The Baton Rouge board has conducted a raffle to finance a scholarship for a Baton Rouge student and they will be awarding that scholarship in Spring 1991. Baton Rouge members, you have answered the call to help your university, and we thank you.

If you live in these areas, please get involved. Everyone is needed to promote Northwestern for its continued growth.

Alexandria entertained all incoming freshmen at a cookout before school started and it was very successful. Alexandria, thank you. I knew you could do it.

We hosted a pre-game party in the Denton, TX, area and over 100 Texas graduates attended and went to the game to see the Demons defeat North Texas in an exciting victory.

In October, we hosted parties in Lake Charles and Monroe. Both brought many graduates together to remember great times.

Our Annual 60 Year Reunion was held in November and this year to increase the crowd we added all people who graduated 50 years ago. We hope this event will continue to grow and more people will attend. We really need to have a name for this group. If you have suggestions, you might write us.

The Alumni Office has been busy this fall, as you can see, but we have had some great times and involved more Alumni, which is wonderful.

Now to settle down for the holidays, our staff would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a happy and holy holiday season.

Sincerely yours,

Elise P. James
Coordinator of Alumni Affairs

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On the Cover — Students Billy Finton (left) and Charles Bickley plan to use the formal education and flight training they receive at Northwestern to land jobs as pilots. With the aviation industry needing more pilots, NSU's flying graduates face good employment prospects. Northwestern State University's Aviation Science program has a long and proud history, and it is growing rapidly. For the full story, see page 2.

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Office Of The President Northwestern State University

Dear NSU Alumni:

Northwestern State University has reached some significant milestones this fall. The fall term enrollment of 7,334 established an all-time record for the third consecutive semester.

Record-shattering enrollments began in the fall of 1989 when the registration figure of 6,925 was the largest in the school's 106-year history. That record was surpassed last spring when the enrollment of 7,179 marked the first time that student registration at NSU had exceeded 7,000.

This fall's new record of 7,334 reflects an increase of more than 2,000 students over the past four years, and those gains include substantial increases in full-time students, incoming freshmen and registration on the main campus in Natchitoches.

Enrollment figures also underscore the fact that Northwestern is attracting students with higher academic capabilities. Scores of incoming freshmen on the American College Test have increased from 15.4 in 1986 to 19.3 this fall. The ACT average of full-time freshmen at Northwestern exceeds the state average.

This growing enrollment and the improvement in the quality of students being attracted to Northwestern provide a solid foundation for even more significant growth and progress in the future.

The entire faculty and staff have worked diligently to increase enrollment, and they deserve credit for the positive turnaround the university has experienced in the past few years. Our current students are also actively involved in attracting new students to the campus, and that reflects their satisfaction with Northwestern's challenging academic programs and opportunities for involvement in rewarding and diverse student activities.

Members of the university community are also proud of the establishment this fall of the NSU Hall of Distinction — or Long Purple Line — to honor outstanding alumni.

The purpose of the award is to provide recognition and appreciation to former NSU students whose career accomplishments or service to their fellow man have enhanced the reputation of Northwestern State University. The university's objective is to make selection for the Long Purple Line the most prominent bestowed upon its alumni.

Charter members of the Long Purple Line reflect its prestige. Inducted at Homecoming, they are Gen. Erbon W. Wise, Harry Turpin, Mrs. Ora G. Williams, Bill Dodd, Adm. Ronald J. Hays and Dr. Carolyn Leach Huntoon.

If you have not been on the Northwestern campus recently, please make plans to visit soon. You will be impressed and inspired by the vitality and excitement of Northwestern students and faculty.

As Christmas and New Year's approach, the Northwestern family wishes for you and your family a joyous holiday season.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Alost
President



Robert Alost

Ready Market Awaits Aviation Science Graduates

*“Good morning. Today we’ll be flying
at 35,000 feet . . .”*

The next time you hear an airline captain drone on with the particulars of the flight, consider that you might be listening to a fellow NSU alumnus — a product of the Aviation Science program thriving on the Natchitoches campus.

Over the past 20 years this curriculum has graduated dozens of pilots who now are flying in corporate, commuter and commercial airline jobs. The continuing growth of the program (current enrollment is about 50 students) reflects positive changes in the job market for pilots as well as aggressive efforts to improve and expand Northwestern’s flight training.

Not that pilot training at NSU is a recent addition. The Potpourri of 1940 shows several photos of students and instructors gathered around a collection of airplanes. That program continued for almost 20 years, gradually dwindling. In the early 1970s Northwestern’s aviation science program caught its second wind. It has grown steadily since then and now is an active and visible part of the campus. On any clear day the sky above NSU will be abuzz with the sounds of Cessnas operating out of the Natchitoches airport, only a hundred yards across Chaplin’s Lake.

“That’s only one of our calling cards,” says Jim Losness, director of the Aviation Science program. “At most schools, students have to travel at least five miles to get to the airport. Here, it’s less than half that by road, which has to go around the lake. We’ve discussed building a bridge of some sort where students could just walk over to the airport. Naturally, the bridge would have to make provision for canoes and rowing shells to pass underneath.”

Losness came to NSU in 1989 with a background of managing ground instruction with Eastern Airlines and a career in the U.S. Air Force, where he flew B-52 bombers. Larry Varnado, NSU’s other aviation faculty member, has been with the program for 16 years.

There may be only two faculty members, but there are more flight instructors than that. The way NSU staffs its program may be one of the biggest benefits to the students as well as a key recruiting tool. Once a student achieves an FAA rating of Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) — usually as a junior or first-semester senior — he

or she may be hired by NSU to conduct flight instruction of beginning students. This helps the student in at least a couple of ways. The university pays the instructor for the work, so the student doing the flight instruction is getting a lot of help with his educational costs. Perhaps even more important, the hours spent instructing count on a CFI’s “pilot in command” time. It’s that total time in a pilot’s log book that employers use to rate candidates. The more hours a pilot has, the



One hand on the aileron and one on his checklist, Robert Brown runs through the pre-flight inspection of a Cessna 152 trainer while flight instructor John Meister checks the engine compartment.



more likely he is to be hired.

Senior Scott Waskom, of Natchitoches, is a good example of the value of being a flight instructor. After two and a half years, he earned his CFI rating on January 31, 1990, with 280 hours in his flight log. Only eight months later he had added about 250 hours to his log through instructing other students.

"It's the reason I came here," said senior Aviation Science student Cory Frugé, of Jennings, Louisiana.

"They let you teach and go to school, here." Frugé said he hopes to land a job with a regional airline after graduation.

Although not all students fall into the typical pattern, there is a standard apprenticeship pathway that leads from graduation to captain of an airline. Most start out flying as a corporate pilot, move up to a commuter airline, and then, when they have enough flight hours logged, they try to get hired by an airline.

"I did it pretty much the standard way," said Charles "Buzz" Dranguet, a graduate of NSU's flight training. He worked as a flight instructor at NSU, then flew for the Louisiana Forestry Commission. **"I went out to California, flying Metro 3 aircraft for American Eagle, a commuter line, before being hired by TWA."** Dranguet is a flight engineer on a Boeing 727, living in Little Rock and flying out of St. Louis.

Before being introduced to NSU's aviation program by fellow Kappa Sigma fraternity brother Mike Turk, Buzz says he was "flunking out of agriculture. I didn't know what I wanted to do until Mike took me up for that flight." He switched his major, pulled up his grades, and now says the costs and the work were "well worth it." Turk, by the way, was the top student pilot in the nation in 1986, chosen by the National Intercollegiate Flying Association.

Dranguet took advantage of NSU's program allowing students with their CFI rating to teach. **"It's a good deal for the students,"** he said **"and it ensures that flight instruction at Northwestern is done the way Larry (Varnado) wants it done."**

Students in Northwestern's Aviation Science program receive a degree in basic studies with a specialization in Aviation. While it's possible for someone to get the flight instruction at any flight school, students realize that the airlines require a college degree. Getting all that flight training, however, can be expensive. The four-year program at NSU will total about \$20,000, and could be as much as \$25,000 depending on the number of flight hours a student logs. Northwestern's financial aid office is able to help students get guaranteed student loans to cover the flight costs as well as tuition.

For graduates who work their way through the apprenticeship of corporate, commuter and then to airline, the payoff can be substantial. An airline captain's annual salary can be anywhere from \$110,000 to \$140,000. Getting to that point, however, requires 15 to 20 years with an airline.

A graduate of NSU's Aviation Science curriculum doesn't automatically land on easy street.



"A lot of people give up when they see how tough it is getting the hours at first," Buzz Dranguet said. "Then you're on probation with the airline for a year. And you must pass a check ride every three months and pass a physical exam every six months. If an airline pilot shows up with high blood pressure, he's out of a job."

"Right now, it's a tough market because of deregulation. In four or five years, though, we think the airlines will need a lot of new pilots. Still, it's a great job. You can live anywhere and work for a major airline."

It's obvious that a lot of students have gotten the word that there are flying jobs out there. Northwestern's program has been growing steadily, and many of its graduates now fly for major airlines.

As head of the program, Jim Losness would like to have additional equipment. NSU owns three Cessna 152 trainer airplanes and a Cessna 172 RG with retractable landing gear.

"We really need to add a flight simulator to the program as well as a multi-engine aircraft," said Losness. "As it is now, students have to go to another location to get multi-engine flight time. The simulator we would like to have costs about \$150,000, but we just don't have the money at this time."

Just having airplanes owned by the university is a big plus to the program, however, since the planes are always available. At other universities, training aircraft often are owned by businesses at the airports, and the students must schedule flight time around other uses.

"That's one of the best parts of aviation at NSU," said Charles Bickley, a senior from Aiken, South Carolina. "That, and the staff. They really care about the students."

As the demand increases for trained pilots with college degrees, Northwestern State University's Aviation Science program should experience continued growth.

So when you hear "This is your captain speaking," you might be listening to someone who began flying above the hilly campus of NSU.



It's normal for aircraft engines to use oil, so checking the level is an essential part of every pre-flight inspection. Kelly McDermott, a senior from New Orleans, knows the inspection by memory, but like all good pilots, she uses the checklist religiously.



The wild blue yonder may be the goal, but classwork and hitting the books come first. Jim Losness (right), director of the Aviation Science program, explains the workings of the E-6-B flight computer to Gary Acklin of Ruston, La. (left) and Trae Welch of Baker, La.

Dr. Ike Smart named Dean of Cooperative Programs



Dr. L.I. (Ike) Smart

Dr. L.I. (Ike) Smart, professor of animal science at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge for over 20 years, was appointed Dean of Cooperative Programs at Northwestern State University on June 1, 1990.

Smart, who is also in charge of the livestock development program, has 30 years of professional experience and leadership in animal science and has authored or co-authored 73 publications in the field. He has been recognized on numerous occasions for his contributions to Louisiana's beef cattle industry.

The recipient of many honors and awards, Smart is listed in *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in the South and Southwest*, *Who's Who in Alpha Zeta*, and *American Men of Science*.

In his new position, Smart is responsible for the development and administration of NSU's two-year pre-agriculture program; the agriculture emphasis of a four-year business administration degree program which requires 30 hours of credit in agriculture courses; and the cooperative education program.

The Oklahoma native is the key leader in developing an exciting new industry-affiliated cooperative program. He is working with several very large companies whose personnel will play an important role in training students for entry-level and higher positions.

Firms dealing in agriculture-related fields will send their leading experts to conduct seminars at NSU. Students will also be provided with on-the-job experience at certain plants which will give them practical knowledge of modern equipment and techniques.

"After a student completes the program, he should be able to go to work right away without having to be trained," Smart said. "The students will have better job opportunities in the industry since they will be ready to go to work immediately after graduating."

He predicts many agricultural industries will continue to grow in coming years.

Smart taught many of the men who are now executives in top agricultural companies in the nation. He earned his bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University in 1960; his master's degree from the University of Illinois in 1962; and his doctorate from Kansas State University in 1970.

In 1988, he was named Outstanding Professor in the College of Agriculture at LSU. He was inducted into the Hall of Merit for Education and Research in 1985 by the American Polled Hereford Association. In 1988, he was given the American Brahman Breeders Association Friend of the Year Award.

Smart currently serves on the board of directors for several organizations including the Louisiana Angus Association, Louisiana Brahman Association, the Louisiana Polled Hereford Association, and the Louisiana Hereford Association. Additionally, he is a member of the American Society of Animal Science, the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists, the Louisiana Cattlemen's Association, the Farm Bureau, the Block and Bridle Alumni Association, Alpha Zeta, Sigma Xi, and Gamma Sigma Delta.

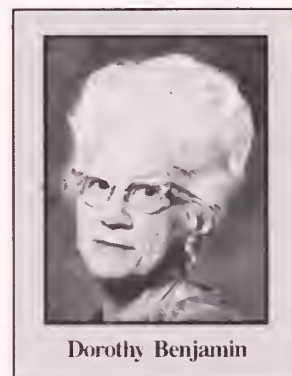
The former Emma Louise Henry became Smart's wife in 1956. They have two children.

Smart says he really likes Northwestern and looks forward to implementing the new programs.

Former Louisiana Normal student makes donation to library

Miss Dorothy Benjamin, a retired librarian, recently donated a \$1,000 check to Watson Library at Northwestern State University. She asked that the money be deposited in the NSU Foundation and the interest be used to purchase materials for the library.

Benjamin attended Louisiana Normal School, as it was known, from 1924 to 1925. Along with the donation, she sent a book written by her brother George entitled *Memoirs of Montana*. Her family lived in numerous states and she attended various colleges.



Dorothy Benjamin

The former teacher currently lives in Clearwater, FL, where she retired at the age of 51. During her lifetime, she has moved all around the United States, living in such cities as St. Louis, MO; Grand Bay, AL; Granite City, IL; Dillon, MT; and Kirksville, MO.

She has earned a bachelor's degree in education and a degree in library science.

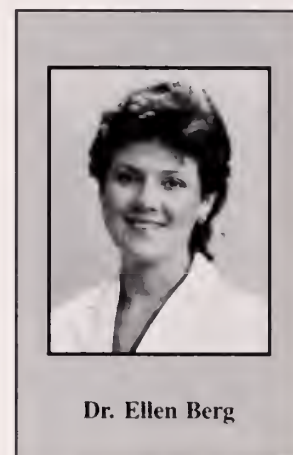
Benjamin chose to attend Louisiana Normal School in Natchitoches, LA, because it was recognized as a "good state teachers' college."

Although when her train arrived in the small town she didn't know how to pronounce its name, she enjoyed the accent of the Southerners. She also fondly remembers geography classes taught by Dr. Kyser and the Royal Life Club.

Miss Benjamin has attended many institutions of higher learning but admits her time in Natchitoches was the most pleasant of her college years.

Dr. Ellen Berg finds joy in giving sight

Dr. Ellen Berg's most prominent memories of Northwestern center on the many good teachers who took an interest in her progress and encouraged her to further her education.



Dr. Ellen Berg

The Natchitoches native graduated from Natchitoches Central High School in 1973 and attended NSU on a Northwestern academic scholarship. She received a B.S. degree in Microbiology in May 1977, graduating third in her class, and a Master of Science in Microbiology in December 1978.

After graduation, Berg worked at Louisiana State University Medical Center in Shreveport, LA, as a research associate in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology.

"Working in a medical school environment helped me to decide on a career in medicine," she remembered.

Upon enrolling in medical school in Fall 1982, Berg received a Phi Mu Foundation Scholarship and a Nathan Bernstein Scholarship. In the summer of 1983, she was awarded a Student Research Fellowship by the American Diabetes Association. She was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society.

After completing her internship at LSU Medical Center from July 1986 to June 1987, she performed her residency at the hospital from July 1987 to June 1990.

Berg is an ophthalmologist currently in a private practice with Dr. Kathy Upham at the Northwest Louisiana Eye Clinic in Shreveport.

"I chose ophthalmology as a specialty because I enjoy the surgery and because the patients are often dramatically improved by treatment," Berg said.

Upham and Berg treat routine patients with eye infections or vision problems that can be corrected with glasses. They also perform cataract and glaucoma surgery, laser surgery, and eye muscle surgery on children and adults.

"These patients' problems are challenging and the results we see are very rewarding," Berg said.

During her years at Northwestern, she was active in a sorority, Phi Mu

Fraternity, in which she served as treasurer for two years. She was also a member of Beta Beta Beta (the biology club) and was elected to membership in Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. After graduation, she served as the alumni advisor to the Phi Mu chapter at NSU.

Berg's parents, Charles and Ruth Wommack, still live in Natchitoches. She and husband Rod live in Shreveport. They have one child, Lauren, who is two years old.

The Bergs are members of the First United Methodist Church of Shreveport. She routinely donates her time and expertise for various eye health screening programs for the elderly and the disadvantaged.

Berg's advice for students trying to choose a career is to carefully consider all interests.

"Students should not hesitate to set high goals for themselves," she encouraged.

29 Effie Mouton and husband Charles (NSU '29) live in Lafayette, LA. They have one daughter. While at NSU, Mrs. Mouton was in the Science Club and the Home Economics club.

35 Robert S. Rickey is retired from Marathon Oil Co. He lives in Hot Springs, AZ. He was involved in the Glee Club, Lambda Zeta Fraternity and the track team at NSU.

Ruth Welch is a retired first grade teacher living in Paris, TX. She received her Master of Education from East Texas State University in 1952.

38 O.C. Sills recently retired as Human Services Director in Kern County (CA) after 25 years of service. During his tenure, the county's welfare department gained state and national respect for efficiency and thoroughness.

Sills took his family to Bakersfield, CA in 1965 from Louisiana after beating two other candidates for the position of welfare director. He left a position as director of institutions, which included Louisiana's penal facilities, juvenile detentions and parole and probation departments.

40 Lois G. Salter and husband Woodrow (NSU '36) live in Zwolle, LA. She is a teacher at Zwolle High School. Mrs. Salter was involved in many organizations at NSU including the Purple Jacket Club.

46 Ray Perrin and wife Sue live in Bartow, FL. They have three children. Perrin is the superintendent of environmental surveillance at Estech, Inc. At NSU, he was a member of Phi Mu Alpha and Tau Kappa Epsilon.

52 Art Ranew is enjoying retirement with wife Rachel in Panama City, FL. He lettered four years in both basketball and baseball and one year in track.

53 Lois Evans works as a travel agent for Ambassador Travel in Chevy Chase, MD. She lives in Bethesda. Evans was on staff of Current Sauce and Potpourri and was a member

of the Purple Jacket Club.

Colonel Virginia A. Metcalf is retired from the U.S. Army and lives in Wisconsin. She received numerous honors during her many years in the armed forces including a National Defense Service Medal, and an Army Commendation Medal.

Metcalf received many letters from Army officials praising her for her distinguished career.

56 Fred Y. Clark currently serves as president and Chief Executive Officer of Sterling Sugar, Inc., in Franklin, LA. The company operates one of the largest sugar mills in Louisiana. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Sterling Sugars, Commercial Bank and Trust and the American Sugar Cane League.

Clark was named "King Sucrose" for the annual Sugar Cane Festival, which was held September 28-30.

Charles Johnson and wife Barbara live in Metairie, LA. He is a computer scientist at Slidell Computer Complex. He received his M.S. in 1959.

57 Raymond A. Bates is a systems analyst at Martin Marietta Manned Space Systems in New Orleans, LA. He and wife Merle live in Baton Rouge.

Martha Ann Mickelborough and husband Wayne (NSU '58) are both employed at Martin Marietta Manned Space Systems. She is a senior computer systems designer/programmer and he is the principal computer systems designer. The couple reside in Slidell, LA.

58 Charles R. Bass retired in 1988 as head of the Industrial Technology Department at Southeastern Louisiana University. He and wife Billie live in Hammond, LA.

Charles LaRoux is the manager at the Slidell Computer Complex in Slidell, LA.

59 Pat Oglesby and husband Bill (NSU '62) make their home in Shreveport, LA. She is a fifth grade teacher. At NSU, Mrs. Oglesby was in

the Purple Jacket Club and was a sophomore counselor. They have two children.

60 Billie R. Cook is a senior systems analyst at International Business Services in Prince George, VA. He and wife Mary Ellen live in Newport News, VA. They have four sons.

Doyle Z. Williams was named the 1990 AICPA "Outstanding Accounting Educator." He is the founding dean of the University of Southern California's School of Accountancy and chairman of the American Accounting Association's Accounting Education Change Commission.

Williams is also a member of the AICPA Board of Directors and the advisory boards for three schools of accounting.

62 Major General Guy Laboa was recently made director of operations at Forces Command. He was formerly the assistant division commander of the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) in Fort Carson, CO.

Laboa holds the Silver Star with three oak leaf clusters and Purple Heart with two oak leaf clusters for service with the 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam.

63 Charles E. Mitchell received his M.A. in 1967 and now teaches art to children in grades K-5 in Shreveport, LA.

64 Loree Elkins is a Public Health Nurse IV at the Natchitoches Parish Hospital. She and husband Thomas (NSU '69) have two children.

Barbara Hearn, a teacher at Barbe High School in Sulphur, LA, was selected by NASA and the National Science Teachers Association for the 1990 Teachers Honors Workshops. The award included a two-week trip to NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, AL. Only 50 teachers were chosen out of thousands who were eligible in the U.S.

Percy M. Morrow and wife Susie (NSU '65) live in Dumas, TX. They have

Former nurse becomes a judge in Dallas County

Carpe diem!

The phrase, Latin for "seize the day," contains words to live by according to Judge Nikki DeShazo.



Nikki DeShazo

The 1966 graduate of Northwestern State University was elected Judge of Probate Court in Dallas County, TX, in 1982. She was unopposed in both the 1986 and 1990 elections.

After receiving her B.S.N. degree from NSU, DeShazo worked as a nurse in Shreveport, LA, from 1966-68. She entered the U.S. Air Force Reserves as a flight nurse and achieved a rank of 2nd Lieutenant.

DeShazo had the opportunity to watch lawyers in action and was intrigued. She felt the work would be very challenging and entered Southern Methodist University Law School where she graduated in 1976.

The Stilwell, OK, native held a private practice from 1976 until her election. As a statutory probate judge, DeShazo presides over cases involving decedent's estates, whether or not there is a will; guardianships of minors and incompetent or incapacitated persons; trusts; and lawsuits involving the estates in her court.

As for her alma mater, DeShazo remembers the great friends she had in the nursing department. She last visited NSU over eight years ago.

"The whole area has grown so much; it looks more modern," she noted. "But NSU still has that 'pastoral' look and is exactly what a college campus should look like."

DeShazo advises future alumni to be ready to take advantage of every opportunity and to always be flexible.

Since her admission to the bar over 14 years ago, DeShazo has been active in various organizations. She served as a member of the board of the Women and the Law Section from 1984 to 1986 and as president from 1986 to 1987.

Judge DeShazo was elected as a council member of the Real Estate, Probate and Trust Section in 1987 for a four-year term. She serves on the Guardianship Code Committee, which is currently developing a new code for introduction to the legislature in the near future. She also heads the Mental Health Committee.

A frequent lecturer at Professional Development Programs, DeShazo presently serves on the planning committee for the Advanced Drafting for Estate Planning and Probate Course.

For three years, she has been a member of the Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation's nominating committee. Only one-third of one percent of Texas lawyers are admitted into the group.

DeShazo was recently elected vice president of the Executive Women of Dallas. She has been a member since 1981 and was on the board of directors from 1985 to 1987. Often she is asked to speak at continuing legal education events, as well as programs for the community, including the Senior Citizens Fair which is sponsored annually by the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers.

For over seven years, the judge has been active in the preparation and presentation of workshops for county judges as part of her work with the Texas College of Probate Judges. In addition, she serves on the Committee on National Standards for Probate Courts in the National College of Probate Judges.

DeShazo has spent many hours of her free time talking to parents and families of the mentally retarded regarding the guardianship process. She also helped establish a volunteer guardianship program in Dallas County for the elderly.

Judge Nikki DeShazo has three children. Stephen, currently in the U.S. Navy, is stationed in Norfolk, VA; Doug is a sophomore at East Texas State; and Amy is attending Webster University in St. Louis, MO. Stephen is married and has one child, Katelyn.

DeShazo and husband Edward V. Smith, III are members of Westminster Presbyterian Church. They actively participate in the Corinthians Class. The judge serves on the 40 to 60 Task Force for the church.

two children. Mr. Morrow is the manager of safety and hygiene at Diamond Shamrock.

Mrs. Morrow is an advanced nurse practitioner/field office coordinator for the Texas Department of Health.

67 Bonnie Champlin and husband Tommy (NSU '68) own Champlin's Furniture in Jonesville, LA. They have four children.

68 Harold D. Fuqua is the Assistant Principal at Vinton Elementary. He and wife Mary Kathryn live in Sulphur, LA, with their two children.

Larry Howard is supervisor at the ANMAC Foundation in DeRidder, LA. He and wife Peggy (NSU '68) have three children.

Robert E. Pitts is a Realtor Associate with Roger Christian and Associates, Inc., in Shreveport, LA. He was selected "Mr. Delta Sig." by Delta Sigma Phi in 1989.

Ronald J. Scheffler is the telemarketing manager for the Kansas Lottery in Topeka.

69 Margaret LeJeune Kibodeaux and husband Gerald live in Pasadena, CA. She is a second grade teacher at Our Lady of Grace School in Encino, CA.

Karen Landry and husband Larry live in Bossier City, LA. She is a clinical associate at the LSUMC Burn Center in Shreveport, LA. He is Director of Public Utilities for the City of Bossier City. The couple are parents of three children.

David Smith and wife Carolyn (NSU '69) live in Bossier City, LA, and they have two children. He is vice president and director of commercial sales for Pioneer Air Conditioning Co. She is an elementary P.E. specialist at Platt Elementary in Haughton, LA.

Shirley Thiebaud was elected to "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" for 1990. She has been educating students in parts of Louisiana and Texas for over twenty years. Thiebaud and husband Ron now live in Duncanville, TX. They have one son.

70 Mike Delcambre is a coach at Delcambre High School in Delcambre, LA. He was involved in Phi Epsilon Kappa and Blue Key while at NSU. Delcambre and wife Becky are the parents of three children.

Sharon Lindsay and husband Robert (NSU '70) live in Shreveport, LA, where she is a legal secretary for the law firm of Richie & Richie. The couple have two children.

Linda Troino is a nurse anesthetist at LSUMC in Shreveport, LA.

71 Patricia Sanders and husband James (NSU '75) live in Glynn, LA. She is a teacher at Lakeland Elementary School. They have three children.

72 Rex S. Britt and wife Dawn (NSU '73) reside in Natchitoches, LA. He is the assistant manager at Valley Farmers Co-op. Mrs. Britt is a decorator and owns Dawn's Interiors.

Anne Barry McDonald and husband Gary live in Westlake, LA, with their son Casey. She was awarded a summer Research Fellowship for high school science teachers at Louisiana State University. McDonald received her Master of Education in Biology at McNeese State University in Lake Charles, LA, after earning her B.S. at NSU.

73 Kate Curry and husband Dale (NSU '73) and their four children live in Tyler, TX.

74 Gloria Touchet Bailey works in all sociological fields of nursing at the Los Angeles County Hospital. She and husband Bob have three children and live in Placentia, CA.

Michael D. Price and wife Linda live in Bossier City, LA. They are the parents of three children. He is an engineer with ARKLA, Inc.

75 Thomas L. Cummins is a district manager for ARKLA Gas in Shreveport, LA. He and wife Carol (NSU '73) have two children.

Jan Douget and husband Tony (NSU '74) live in Crowley, LA, with

their three children. She is a Kindergarten teacher and president of the Acadia Association of Educators. She was on the pompon line and a sister of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority.

The Dougets serve on the executive committee of the NSU Alumni Association - Acadiana.

Bonnie K. Gates is the law librarian at the law firm of Mays & Valentine in Chesterfield, VA. She and husband David (NSU '73) have two children. At NSU, Mrs. Gates was involved with the Baptist Student Union, Sigma Alpha Iota, and the Demon Band.

Mark W. Mitchell was recently promoted to director of research and development at Aeropres Corp. of Shreveport, LA. He has served a quality control supervisor, as director of manufacturing and laboratory services and as operations manager since joining the company in 1977. Mitchell is stationed at Aeropres' plant in Sibley, LA.

James W. Steward, Jr., is the co-owner and operator of J.W. Stewart Chevron USA Oil Jobbers in Leesville, LA. The company began distributing petroleum products in 1929.

76 Patrick Douget is the owner and creative director of Douget Advertising in Alexandria, LA. He and wife Debbie are the parents of two children. At NSU, Douget was on the football team and lettered from 1973-1976. He was a member of Phi Kappa Phi.

Dennis Lee Rogers and wife Melanie live in Metairie, LA. They have three children. He is a mortgage underwriter for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (FHA) in New Orleans.

77 Betty L. Pope is a retired infection control coordinator living in Spring Branch, TX. She and husband Robert have three children.

78 Jerry Hale and wife Sharon live in North Carolina. He is a senior engineer at D S G & F.

79 Millie S. Weiss is a legal secretary at Nathan Wood & Sommers. She and husband Tim live in Katy, TX.

Work is Linda Curtis' favorite activity



Linda Curtis

The majority of Linda Curtis' pleasure comes from work and meeting a variety of people.

A member of the NSU Class of 1970, Curtis was appointed Executive Director of the Sabine River Authority in October, 1989. She says her position is very diversified and allows her to greet tourists from all over.

The SRA is an organization which oversees the operation of Toledo Bend Reservoir, a 186,000-acre man-made lake located on the border of Texas and Louisiana. The authority performs many functions and Curtis is in charge of its administration.

While growing up in Many, LA, Curtis worked in her father's grocery store which is how she says she gained a feeling for working with the public.

"My parents taught me how to work hard and to challenge myself in everything I do," she remembered.

The summer before her entry into Northwestern, the dark-haired beauty was named the first Miss Sabine Parish.

"My parents taught me how to work hard and to challenge myself in everything I do..."

After graduating with a double major in speech and hearing pathology and public speaking, Curtis taught mentally retarded children for four years at Florien High School in Florien, LA. She then purchased a Merle Norman cosmetic studio in Many and operated it until 1980 when the company offered her an executive training position in California.

Curtis was very involved in Many's governmental and community affairs from 1974 to 1980. She was the first lady on the Many City Council (1975-79) and served as the first female president of the Sabine Parish Chamber of Commerce (1979-80).

Curtis worked in Los Angeles for two years and then decided she wanted to be closer to home. She bought a Merle Norman studio in DeSoto Parish and chose to return to Many a few years later.

In May 1989, the SRA hired Curtis as an industrial development coordinator. When the position of Executive Director came open, she was chosen over 80 other applicants.

Currently the SRA is working on a number of special projects including building access roads to the lake, constructing nursery ponds for Florida Bass, clearing boat lanes and renovating several recreation parks which serve the lake.

Of her most memorable times at NSU, Curtis says she will never forget her first speech class. Ray Schexnider was the instructor and she remembers him being quite demanding. Each member of the class was required to perform several extemporaneous speeches in which the topic is randomly drawn from a pile and the person has only a couple of minutes to prepare.

"My first one had to be on a light bulb and the second on a single strand of spaghetti," she said.

At a city council meeting years later, Curtis felt the need to give her opinion on a controversial matter and realized that without the instruction of Schexnider, she would not have had the courage to take a stand.

Her favorite area at Northwestern is in front of the old library (now Russell Hall) and she was happy to learn of plans to build an "Alumni Walk" on the site.

Curtis describes her two daughters as intelligent and self-motivating. Jessica, 19, is presently living in El Paso, TX, and plans to go to college in the near future. Patience, 16, skipped her junior year at Many High School and will graduate in May 1991.

A feeling and appreciation for people are two of the main things Curtis hopes her daughters learn from her.

"I tell my children to be thankful for what they have and to help others," she said.

Curtis is a member of several organizations including the Louisiana Industrial Development Executives Association, the National Water Congress, the Louisiana Travel and Promotion Association and the Toledo Bend Lake Association.

80 Edward Paul Spurlock received a degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, TX, in the summer of 1990.

81 Rebecca J. Collins is a drug analyst and chemist at the North Louisiana Crime Lab. She and husband Timothy have four children and live in Shreveport, LA.

82 Jane Fletcher John and husband Dr. Tommy John live in Baton Rouge, LA. They have one child.

83 Stephanie L. Clark resides in Anderson, S.C. She received her Master of Education in 1985 and is the coordinator of educational placement at Clemson University.

W. Peyton Cunningham is a dentist in Shreveport, LA. He is married to the former Ramona Puissegur.

Scott Hankins Sledge earned a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Mississippi on May 9, 1990.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Marguerite S. Wastlund was promoted to her present rank while serving at Naval Ocean Processing Facility, Fort Island, Pearl Harbor, HI.

84 Debbie R. Mares is a computer programmer at Scott Truck and Tractor in West Monroe, LA. Her husband is Michael Todd Mares.

85 Jerold (Jay) Booker lives in Haltom City, TX. He is a cost accountant for Acme Brick Co.

Peggy Joe Middleton is the Assessment Intake Coordinator at the Regional Medical Center 6 in Pineville LA. She was in the Cane River Belles and the band while at NSU.

86 Tina Marie Chaline and husband Ervin live in Lake Charles, LA. They have one son. She is a teacher at Washington Marion Magnet High School and formerly taught for the Grant Parish School Board, the Cameron Parish School Board and Parkview Christian Academy.

Susan Kay Gregory is a staff perfu-

sionist at George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D.C. She has one son. She was on the Student council and was a Young Democrat at NSU.

88 Jenny Burkhead now resides in College Station, TX. She was awarded a \$10,000 Lechner Fellowship for one year at Texas A&M to study psychology.

Jerry Alan Creamer received an M.B.A. in Business Administration from Northeast Louisiana University during the 1990 spring commencement exercises.

Kevin D. Hopkins lives in Shreveport, LA, with wife Donna. He is a key account representative at C.F. Biggs - Lannier. At NSU, he was in Kappa Sigma, the French club, and on the yearbook and newspaper staffs. Hopkins was also an SGA senator and worked at KNWD.

89 Joe Haahn and wife Juanita were in the Demon Band at NSU. They currently reside in Pineville, LA.

Evelyn Kissick is a staff R.N. at St. Frances Cabrini Hospital in Alexandria, LA. She and husband Jon have two children.

Rhonda Gayle Helms works for the Ouachita Parish District Attorney in the Felony Division in Monroe, LA. She was in Phi Beta Lambda, SAM, and Delta Sigma Pi at NSU.

90 Kevin Peters is employed by H.B. Zachary Co. in McAlester, OK, as the Assistant Office Manager for a pipeline job the company just began. He and wife M'lissa have one child.

OTHER

John Brannon Peters is an employee of Delta Contract Interiors in Homer, LA.

DECEASED

Mrs. Clyde R. Broan (Anna F. Powers) died December 18, 1989.

Mrs. A.M. Garber (Edith Rutherford) died December 4, 1989.

Mrs. V.E. Green, Sr. (Laura Mae Harris) died recently. She graduated in 1917 and taught school for many years.

Mrs. Waldo W. Moore (Beatrice Hawthorne) died in June 1990. From 1919 to 1920 she taught mathematics at the Junior High School in Shreveport, LA. She was a member of the House of Representatives, Louisiana Legislature from 1940-1944 and was involved in many social and political organizations. Even in her later years she maintained a keen interest in public affairs, particularly in women's rights.

Mrs. Kathryn Salard Morgan died May 27, 1990. She was a former teacher in Caddo Parish Schools in Shreveport, LA.

Mrs. E.E. Wells died recently.

Mr. Alfred Laurent Ducournau, a former Professor Emeritus of Chemistry at Northwestern State University, died in April 1990.

The Natchitoches native received his B.S. in 1925 from Northwestern when its name was Louisiana State Normal College. He went on to earn an M.S. in Chemistry from Iowa State and did further graduate work at Indiana University, Stanford University, the University of Chicago, and the University of North Carolina.

Ducournau served Northwestern for 41 years. He retired in 1966.

He was a charter member of the Louisiana Academy of Science where he held the office of secretary-treasurer for several years. Ducournau was also a member of the American Chemical society and the Immaculate Conception Church.

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Bruce Hildebrand is a spirited NSU supporter



Bruce Hildebrand

"I am very pleased with all of the positive academic and athletic improvements that are being made ... NSU has improved its image dramatically..."

Since he graduated in 1976, Bruce Hildebrand says he has seen many great changes at Northwestern State University during his visits to the college.

An accountant with the firm of KPMG Peat Marwick, Hildebrand now works in Zurich, Switzerland, under the company's International Transfer Program.

"I am very pleased with all of the positive academic and athletic improvements that are being made," he commented. "NSU has improved its image dramatically."

Hildebrand grew up in Natchitoches and his father is currently NSU's Athletic Director. He says visiting his parents regularly gives him the opportunity to see his alma mater on a regular basis.

While at NSU, Hildebrand was a member of several organizations including Phi Kappa Phi, Blue Key, Phi Epsilon Kappa and the Physical Education Honor Fraternity.

He also participated in intermurals and his team, PEK, won the all sports trophy during his senior year.

During his last semester at Northwestern, Hildebrand performed his student teaching at Southwood High School in Shreveport, LA, and he won the Guy Nesom award which is given to the top student teacher.

After receiving his B.S. in Mathematics from Northwestern, Hildebrand taught math at Neville High School in Monroe, LA, until 1978. He also served as the school's head basketball coach.

He decided to make a career change and took thirty additional hours in accounting at Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe. He joined KPMG Peat Marwick in Shreveport in January 1979, where he was employed until his transfer in January 1990.

Hildebrand's assignment in Switzerland is for two and a half years and he will return to the United States in June 1992. He functions as a KPMG Peat Marwick partner in the nation and will be a U.S. partner upon his return.

His wife Nancy and their sons John, 9, Jack, 7, and Joseph, 5, made the move with him.

"My decision to accept the transfer was based on three things: the benefits for my career, the chance for my family to see Europe and the opportunity to live in a different culture," Hildebrand remembered.

While in the U.S., the C.P.A. was involved in training and instruction. He taught core auditing and computer auditing for over six years and won the National Instructor Excellence Award in 1986 and 1987. In July 1990, he taught an international auditing course in Brussels, Belgium. Participants were from over 12 different countries.

Hildebrand primarily services financial institutions and U.S. subsidiary clients. His background in U.S. accounting and auditing matters along with the financial institutions, computer auditing and training were main reasons he wanted to work in Zurich.

Though he did not speak German prior to his transfer, Hildebrand is presently taking three hours of the language per week. However, he says English is very common in Switzerland and his lack of knowledge of German has caused no problems.

His three sons go to International School and get training in German each day. The boys attend classes with other Americans, Britons and children from all over the world.

The family has traveled a good bit while in Europe. They visited Holland during Easter, Spain last summer, Germany, and Italy. Hildebrand and his oldest son went to Vienna, Austria, in October for the U.S. vs. Austria Davis Cup Tennis Tournament.

Over the years, Hildebrand has proved to be a loyal alumnus. "I am a very loyal NSU supporter and I always will be," he noted. "I try to promote the university whenever possible and help raise funds for the school."

Before moving to Zurich, he served as treasurer of NSU's Shreveport Alumni Chapter. KPMG Peat Marwick annually donates over \$2,000 to NSU's accounting department.

Hildebrand says he and his family greatly miss all their friends and relatives in the U.S. but reports all of them have held true during their absence.

NSU Hall of Distinction

Six charter members inducted into the Long Purple Line

Six former Northwestern State University students were inducted as charter members of the NSU Hall of Distinction—called the Long Purple Line—which was established during the university's 106th anniversary Homecoming celebration.

Northwestern president Dr. Robert A. Alost said the Long Purple Line will provide recognition and appreciation to former NSU students whose career accomplishments or service to their fellow man have enhanced the reputation of NSU.

"The university's objective," said Alost, "is to make selection for the Long Purple Line the most prominent honor bestowed by NSU upon its alumni.

Specifically-designed Long Purple Line plaques were awarded to the six inductees during the Alumni Luncheon.

The Charter members also were recognized at halftime of the Homecoming football game against Southland conference opponent Southwest Texas State University which begins at 2 p.m. in Turpin Stadium.

Portraits of members of the Long Purple Line will be permanently displayed in a prominent place on the Northwestern campus. **The Long Purple Line's charter members are:**

Retired Maj. Gen. Erbon W. Wise

The late Harry "Rags" Turpin

The late Ora G. Williams

William J. "Bill" Dodd

Retired Adm. Ronald J. Hays

Dr. Carolyn Leach Huntoon

Wise is the publisher of the Leesville Daily Leader, Beauregard Daily News in DeRidder, Southwest Builder News in Sulphur, Westlake-Moss Bluff News, Vinton News, the Guardian at Fort Polk and the Orange Countian in Bridge City, TX.

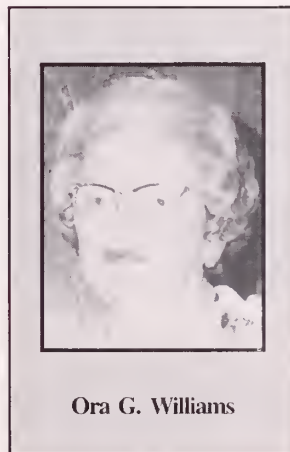
He also is the author of a dozen books, including five which pertain to Vernon Parish, one entitled "'Bold As A Lion' Country Journalism" and his lat-



Erbon W. Wise



Harry "Rags"
Turpin



Ora G. Williams

est, "Erbon's Hunting and Fishing Tales."

In addition to serving 27 years in the U.S. Army Air Force, the U.S. Selective Service System, U.S. Army Reserves and the Louisiana National Guard, Wise has served Louisiana as adjutant general and as state director of the Selective Service System, Civil Defense and the Office of Emergency Preparedness.

Turpin was named head football coach at Northwestern in August of 1934, replacing H. Lee Prather. He has been a member of the university's coaching staff since 1926. In his 23 years as head coach, he compiled a record of 101 victories, 83 losses and 11 ties. His 1939 team posted a record of 11-0 and held eight of its opponents scoreless.

In 1956 Turpin—who also was an outstanding athlete at Tulane University and later at Northwestern—resigned his coaching position under orders of his physician. However, he remained director of athletics until July of 1957.

Mrs. Williams' tenure at Northwestern included eight years as a librarian and 15 years as an assistant professor of English. As an English professor at Northwestern, she introduced the teaching of English through the use of closed-circuit television.

A distinguished lecturer and writer of many articles and books on local history, Mrs. Williams was well known for editing "Plantation Memo," a newspaper column written by the famous François Mignon.

An accomplished weaver on her family's loom and an oil painter, she was a protégé of Cammie G. Henry of Melrose Plantation and was interested in and assisted in the artistic pursuits of primitive artist Clementine Hunter.

Dodd, who watched the 1979 elections as they marked the first time in four decades that he was not a candidate for state office, returned to NSU in the spring of 1990 to serve as a distinguished lecturer for the semester-long "State and

Alumni Events

Urban Government" political science course.

In November of 1980, he spent a week on campus giving lectures and participating in interview sessions which were video and audio recorded for preservation in the NSU archives.

Dodd ran for every position in the state and held most of them, except for governor. He served as the state representative from Allen Parish (1940-1948), lieutenant governor (1948-1952), state auditor (1956-1960) and superintendent of public education (1964-1972). Dodd retired from Louisiana politics after failing to gain election to a third term as state superintendent of education in 1975.

Hays, a native of Urania and the recipient of the honorary Doctorate of Humanities from NSU in December of 1988, was too young when he graduated from Urania to enter the Naval Academy, so he attended Northwestern and took chemistry, physics and other subjects to prepare him for the Naval Academy.

The commander of the Pacific Command from 1985 until his retirement in 1988, Hays was commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Navy in June of 1950 and advanced through the ranks to admiral in 1983.

He served as combat carrier aviator, an experimental test pilot, and commanding officer of a naval shore facility and an all-weather attack squadron, and he also commanded a carrier battle group, U.S. Naval Forces Europe, and all military forces in the Pacific and Indian Oceans.

Hays' staff assignments in Washington, D.C., were in planning, programming and budgeting. He also served as the deputy commander in chief of the Atlantic and vice chief of naval operations.

Dr. Huntoon was selected in 1987 to her present position as director of space and life sciences at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. Her current responsibilities include the direction and management of medical research and medical operations for all manned space flight missions; the development, engineering, physical sciences investigations of extraterrestrial materials; and the design and development and provisioning of all food, medical kits and other crew



William J.
"Bill" Dodd



Ronald J. Hays



Carolyn Leach
Huntoon

equipment items that are required for each manned space flight mission.

In 1970 she joined the Johnson Space Center as a senior research physiologist and was the project officer responsible for directing and conducting

research and development programs in the area of medical endocrinology and biochemistry. Dr. Huntoon has been an integral part of the medical team that has made manned space flight possible.

Dr. Huntoon is the author of numerous papers and has contributed chapters to several books. In 1989 she received the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Outstanding Leadership Medal for leading the scientists and engineers in the Space and Life Sciences Directorate in their return to Shuttle flight and Space Station preparation, and in 1987 the USSR Federation of Cosmonautics awarded the Yuri Gagarin Medal to Dr. Huntoon for her contribution to US/USSR cooperation in peaceful uses of space.

Renewal through reminiscence



Martha Ann Washington Mickelborough, left, Dr. Virginia Crossno, center, and Dr. Julia King Avani got together July 28, 1990, to share memories of their college days. The ladies went to school together in the mid 1950's and shared a room in Varnado Hall. They were joined for a luncheon at Just Friends by Mrs. Alma Alost and Alumni Director Elise James. The three women also enjoyed visiting their old dorm room, took a walking tour of the campus and spent a weekend getting caught up on each other's lives. Mickelborough currently resides in Slidell, La., where she works for NASA. Crossno is a professor of Home Economics at NSU and serves as the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer. Avani lives in Downsville, La., and holds the position of Head Librarian of Lincoln Parish Public Libraries.

Homecoming Spotlight

Pictured reminiscing during their fifty-year class reunion at homecoming are Jim Perkins of Tampa, Fla. and Lois Gellatly Salter of Zwolle, La. There were so many "Ole Normal" memories shared among the classmates of 1940, that Mr. Ducal C. Wimberly's personal recollections were selected as a typical response when asked to speak for his class.

My first job was "Jerk-ing Soda," at the P&C drug-store located on Front Street. This drug store was owned by Dr. Pierson, father of Elise P. James, and Mr. Cox. Employment started with the fall term in 1936; pay was 25 cents per hour.

The big "N" on top of the water tank was close to the student building referred to as the "Ro." The men's dormitory, two stories high, was built of brick and was called "The Shack." The N.Y.A. (National Youth Act) students' living quarters was located above the student laundry. There was only one large room

and all slept on cots. Showers and toilets were located in a room built of tin. Five dormitories, built of wood, were occupied by male band members and N.Y.A. male students, and were located west of "The Shack."

I remember my first N.Y.A. scholarship job was sweeping, each afternoon, the auditorium which was located on the second floor of Caldwell Hall. My second job, lasting three and a half years, was secretary and student grader for Dr. Hooker. The Professor taught psychology in the school of education; his office was located on the second floor of Warren Easton Hall.

My most important memory occurred during the fall of 1937. My girlfriend introduced me to a most important girl, Inez Gamble, who became my sweetheart and married me in 1943. Forty-seven years later she is still my girlfriend, sweetheart, wife, mother of our three children and grandmother of our five grandchildren.

Thank you "Ole Normal" for the memories which have filled our lives these many years. We, the class of 1940, received our second diploma at graduation this past spring, and treasure it as much as our first one, from the spring of 1940.



The long standing traditions of the honor organization, Purple Jackets, were discussed at a homecoming reception between former and current members. Appearing left to right are Lisa Beaird, a junior accounting major from Shreveport; Mrs. Margie Moore Rike, 1947-49 member from Sulphur, La.; Mrs. Doris Henry Pierson, a 1927 charter member from Natchitoches and the current Purple Jacket President, Tammie Nolen, a Liberal Arts major from Dickison, TX.



Commanding attention at the Alumni Luncheon was the presentation of the first NSU Alumni Association Outstanding Teacher Awards to professors Dr. Stan Chadick in mathematics and Dr. Marietta LeBreton in history. The awards included a plaque and a \$1000.00 check for each recipient.

Summer luncheon held for NSU Library Science Alumni

A group of NSU Library Science Alumni met for their annual summer luncheon at the Student Union on July 12, 1990. Mrs. Fern Christensen introduced Mrs. Elise James who welcomed those present and pledged the assistance and support of her office for future meetings and activities of the alumni group.

Officers were elected for the coming year and plans for hosting a coffee for library science alumni at Northwestern's homecoming were discussed. Membership dues are contributed to the NSU Foundation and applied toward a scholarship fund in the humanities.

Northwestern State University Alumni Directory listings currently being verified

On November 27, 1990, representatives of Harris Publishing Co. began telephoning alumni for the verification phase of our Northwestern State University Alumni Directory project.

Much of the information to be verified on each individual's listing will be going into the Directory; specifically, current name, academic data, residence address and phone number (if applicable). The scope of this information is an indication of the thorough and complete quality of the entire volume.

The Directory will sort this data by name in the Alphabetical division and

by class year and geographical location in separate sections of the book. Also included will be a special message from the Alumni Association as well as photos and information on the school.

Soon locating fellow alumni will be as easy as turning a page in the Northwestern State University Directory. You may reserve your personal copy when your Harris Publishing representative phones, but don't delay. This will be your only opportunity to order this comprehensive new directory.

NSU sets 1991 Scholarship Auction date



Over 350 people attended the annual scholarship auction held in Prather Coliseum last year.

"Scholarship Auction '91," a gala dinner and auction to generate money for Northwestern's Athletic Scholarship Endowment, will be held Saturday, August 24, 1991, at Prather Coliseum.

Northwestern Athletic Association executive director Greg Burke announced the date and said he hopes to raise over \$50,000 for the endowment, which got off the ground with \$26,000 generated by "Scholarship Auction '89."

"Since we had nearly 370 people from around the area attend our first

Auction, we want to announce our 1991 date now to help our supporters plan to join in the event," said Burke. "Our first auction was wildly successful from a financial and public relations standpoint. Everyone involved had a great time and we believe our second auction will be even better."

More than 250 items, mostly goods and services, were purchased at "Scholarship Auction '89" as guests enjoyed a prime rib dinner during the elegant event in Prather Coliseum.

"It was a new idea that caught on,

so much so that many people wanted us to have another one this year," said Burke. "We believe making it a biannual event is prudent because of the tremendous amount of preparation and support the auction requires."

"We're already working hard to make Scholarship Auction '91 as fun as the first one, and we're already soliciting for major items for bidding," he said.

Nearly 100 volunteers will work during the next year to prepare for the event, he noted, which is the major fundraising activity for the Scholarship Endowment Fund.

"We raised \$26,000 last time without a 'major' item such as a car, a house or a mink coat. The highest bid was \$1,600," said Burke. "With what we learned from the first auction, and plenty of time to prepare, I see no reason we can't at least double the amount of money we raise."

For information on "Scholarship Auction '91," contact Burke by calling 318-357-4295.



James Smith

Lady Demons appear more versatile, ready to make run for SLC championship

"It's the most parity we've had in the conference. Everybody lost great players. Everybody has untested talent that must come through..."



Iris Dixon

For the past decade, Northwestern has been known in women's basketball circles as one of the country's top offensive teams, ranking among national scoring leaders year after year.

The Lady Demons have generally done it with a run-and-gun offense and a pressure defense featuring quick, but small athletes.

Third-year head coach James Smith may do it that way again this season.

On the other hand, he'll also be able to play the kind of power basketball that has been the trademark of recent NCAA Final Four entries.

For the first time in what seems like forever, the Lady Demons have some size and strength on hand. Nine of the Lady Demons are 5-10 or taller.

There's still a collection of the smaller, quicker players. Making that combination effective, and continuing Northwestern's tradition of playing nationally-competitive basketball, are the challenges which intrigue the wily Smith.

"Overall, we don't have the great speed and runners from top to bottom that we've had for several years," he says.

"But we do have enough to go to a fast lineup, a very fast lineup. And we do have more strength and power inside than ever before. It's a good blend of speed and quickness and power.

"We'll see what happens and continually improvise, go with the style we can use to win," says Smith. "It's going to be fun."

Three starters return, but they'll try to replace the most dynamic player in Lady Demon history, second-team All-America forward Pam Hudson. Without the country's leading rebounder (15.2) and second-ranked scorer (28.4), the Lady Demons have a huge void to fill.

Senior guard Iris Dixon (13.2 ppg) and senior forward Leola Shaw (12.1) are the top scorers back from last year's 17-12 club. Point guard Rachel Penny blossomed late in the season and had an excellent Southland Conference Tournament.

Otherwise, Smith will count on newcomers and relatively inexperienced returning players to play significant roles.

LSU transfer Becca Hayes, a part-time starter as a sophomore for the 1989 NCAA quarterfinalists, could be a major

factor in the frontcourt. Junior college transfers Stacie Symes, Tuttie Edwards and Darla Washer should be key contributors.

Sophomore forward Anika Moore, who sat out last year, is a talented athlete who will improve with each outing. Freshman post player Nancy Hebert, coming off 1989 reconstructive knee surgery, has the ability to match up with dominant centers.

In the backcourt, junior Tammy Blankenship has a great outside shooting eye. She and freshman recruit Kellye Thibodeaux should provide a strong second wave behind Penny and Dixon.

The Lady Demons, second in the SLC the last two years, should contend again in what Smith sees as a "wide open" race.

"It's the most parity we've had in the conference. Everybody lost great players. Everybody has untested talent that must come through," he says.

With an average of 18 wins in his three years as head coach, Smith's track record indicates his team will answer the challenge.

Bell's young Demons look to future, led by record-setting senior Banks



Dan Bell

If you like high-scoring, high-pressure, high-fivin' hoops, then you're going to love the 1990 Northwestern Demon basketball team.

The Demons are going to play that style of basketball, the kind of game third-year Coach Dan Bell used successfully in his initial year at the helm.

After struggling through an inconsistent season last year, Bell decided to make a stand for the future. He did not sign one junior college player and none of the JUCO players brought in last season remain with the program this year.

Northwestern spent 1989-90 in a restructuring mode under Bell, who brought only four players back from his first season. The 1989-90 Demons opened with a 1-9 record on a brutal 10-game swing including visits to perennial powers like Wyoming, LSU, Colorado State, Lamar, and Texas Tech.

With no seniors and only two second-year players on the team by the time conference play began, the Demons were extremely inconsistent — winning two straight only once, and losing two straight just two times in the last 19 games.

They got better as the season progressed. Northwestern then won three of its last six, five of its last 10 and nine of its last 19.

This year, Bell brings only three starters back from last year's squad and one of them is senior point guard Roman Banks.

Banks was second team all-Southland Conference last year, leading the league in assists and steals. He is on pace to set Northwestern's career assist mark midway through this season.

The Shreveport, LA, Captain Shreve High School product had a great summer in San Antonio, where he played in an NCAA-approved semi-pro league with many NBA players. Spurs guard Antonio Robertson, one of the league's top defenders, took Banks under his wing and helped elevate his game to a new level.

By late summer, the Spurs had inquired about signing Banks as a free agent. But instead of heading to NBA training camp, Banks headed back home for what could be a memorable senior year for the Demons.

Sophomore guard Jay Sherer could be a major factor. The transfer from East Carolina was the Alabama Class 6A MVP as a prep senior and was a McDonald's All-American. His style of play — hardnosed defense, hustle and a great 3-point touch — fits Bell's system to a T.

Sophomore forwards Dexter Grimsley and Jethro Owens proved themselves as rookies and should team with sophomore center Brooks Bryant to give the Demons a very solid frontcourt.

Grimsley set a single-game record with six blocked shots at North Texas. The 6-5 Alabama product averaged 16 points and 8 rebounds per game in conference play.

Grimsley was last year's Southland Conference Freshman of the Year. Bell thinks newcomer Taurus Brown, a product of Birmingham, Ala. (West End High School), is a good candidate to win that award this season, as he was first-team All-City in Birmingham.

Sherer and Bryant both come from Bell's hometown and alma mater, Huntsville, AL (Grissom High School). Bryant was the Class 6A State Tournament MVP as a senior.

This team should have improved chemistry with all five starters very familiar with the style of play Coach Bell wants — fast-moving, with pressure defense and lots of three-point shots.

Although last year was a struggle, Bell remains the coach who took a ragtag team into Rupp Arena and upset a Kentucky club with eight prep All-Americans on its roster.

Northwestern opens its season November 26 at home against Centenary.



Roman Banks



Dr. Robert Alost



Emma Ellerman
Boozman



Mario Cage



Doc Bankston

Eight sports stars inducted in Graduate N Club Hall of Fame

The eight men and women inducted October 20 into the Graduate "N" Club Hall of Fame have contributed mightily to the proud history of athletics at our university.

"This is a great group of people," said Johnnie Emmons, secretary-treasurer of the Graduate "N" Club, Northwestern's alumni group for athletic lettermen. "There were some tremendous nominees and it made for some tough decisions in the voting by the 'N' Club members."

The members of the 1990 Hall of Fame induction class:

Dr. Robert Alost

The former Demon football lineman from 1953-56 has provided

*The names and their
impact on Northwest-
ern span more than a
half-century.*



leadership to Northwestern's athletic program for the last three decades, as a member of the Athletic Council, as chairman of the Athletic Council and for the past four years as Northwestern's president.

As president, Dr. Alost has guided Northwestern into membership in the Southland Conference led the development of a highly competitive athletic program despite restricted state funds and has provided leadership on athletic issues to other university presidents on the state, conference and national level. During his tenure as president, Northwestern has made unprecedented jumps in enrollment and academic achievement of the student body.



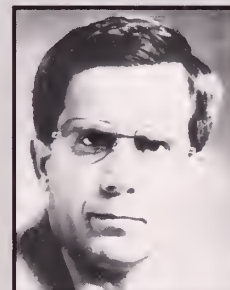
Earnest
"Bama" Wright



Jim "Buddy"
Thomas



Sen. Donnie Kelly



Dennis Choate

The Demons won two conference titles in his four years as a player. After finishing his undergraduate studies at Northwestern, Dr. Alost was an assistant football coach under the legendary "Big Fuzzy" Brown at Central High in Baton Rouge.

Doc Bankston

A four-year track letterman, Bankston helped the Demons win four straight Gulf States Conference titles from 1953-56. At the same time, he also lettered from 1954-56 in football as an end and tackle.

Bankston won the GSC shot put title in 1953, 1954 and 1955, setting a school and GSC record in 1955. He was an NAIA finalist in the shot put for two straight years, 1954-55, and was a Southern AAU Championships finalist in the shot in 1955. Bankston won the prestigious Southwestern Relays shot put title in 1955 and was three-time All-GSC in track and field.

Following his graduation from Northwestern, Bankston coached for seven years at DeQuincy, then graduated from dentistry school. He has been in private pediatric dentistry practice in Alexandria for the past 21 years and has been an active member of the Northwestern Athletic Association.

Emma Ellerman Boozman

A star on the first Lady Demon basketball team invited to the National Invitation Tournament, Boozman lettered from 1973-76 as women's athletics at Northwestern moved into major intercollegiate status.

She averaged 10 points and five rebounds per game in her career in an era preceeding the wide-open style of play we know today. Also a two-year letterwinner in volleyball, she became the first woman to receive a letterwinner's ring at Northwestern.

She has become one of Louisiana's most successful high school basketball coaches, posting a 331-110 record, winning two state championships and finishing as state runner-up once. Her teams have reached the playoffs in 12 of her 13 years. Boozman has coached several players who have become Lady Demon stars: Linda Grayson, Sandy Pugh, Annie Harris and Tee Holden.

Mario Cage

The first Demon football player to rush for over 1,000 yards in a single season (1,057 yards on 218 carries in 1973), Cage was among a string of dominant running backs at Northwestern in the 1970s. He was voted the Demons' Most Valuable Player in 1973 and 1974 and named to the All-Gulf South Conference team in 1974.

Cage, nicknamed "The Rage" for his hard-driving running style, has the No. 5 single-game rushing performance in school history, going for a then-record of 194 yards on 32 carries against Southeastern in 1973. He ranks sixth on the Demons' career rushing list (2,121 yards) and fourth on the most carries list (505) and holds the single-game record for kickoff return yards.

A 1975 draft pick of the Baltimore Colts, Cage works in Houston for IBM as a senior associate programmer.

Dennis Choate

One of the best Demon baseball pitchers Choate finished his career at Northwestern in 1975 owning career records for appearances (52), starts (32), complete games (25), innings pitched (318 1/3), strikeouts (206) and was second in career wins with 25. He still leads the all-time lists in innings pitched and starts.

Choate won All-Gulf South Conference, All-NAIA District 30 and All-NCAA College Division South Region honors. His best season was his junior year, 1974, when he was 9-3 with a 3.33 ERA and lost a 4-2 decision to NAIA champion Sam Houston State in a regional playoff game.

Choate was later a successful high school coach in Mansfield.

Sen. Donnie Kelly

The state Senate president was a standout running back at Coushatta High who originally signed with Ole Miss before transferring to Northwestern and lettering as a running back in 1961, when the Demons went 7-3 under coach Jack Clayton.

Kelly has been one of Northwestern's strongest and most influential supporters for many years. His legislative work has been essential to the enhancement of Northwestern and its athletic program. He was a leader in getting

funding for the development of Turpin Stadium and the athletic fieldhouse projects, and he arranged for Northwestern's acquisition of the Superdome's artificial turf, saving Northwestern more than \$100,000 two years ago.

He has served as a state senator since 1976 and has received the Nth Degree for his contributions to Northwestern.

Jim "Buddy" Thomas

One of the best defensive players in the history of Demon basketball, he was a key in two 20-win seasons. Thomas had the job of defending the opposing team's top inside players on three of the greatest Demon basketball teams, clubs which posted a combined record of 64-29 from 1952-55.

He wasn't called upon to score much — all-time greats Dick Brown and Bill Collingsworth, both "N" Club Hall of Famers, handled most of the point production — but Thomas came through offensively when necessary.

After his college days, Thomas became part of one of the first three helicopter companies deployed in Vietnam, where he served two tours of duty. He is now a retired insurance salesman in Baton Rouge.

Earnest "Bama" Wright

The captain of the 1941 Demon football team, Wright was a key player on the unbeaten 1939 club. That season, his first with the varsity, Wright caught three touchdown passes. He also blocked a punt which was recovered for the decisive touchdown in the upset win over Mississippi Southern.

As a senior, he caught 11 passes, including the winning touchdown, against Ouachita Baptist. Wright was also a three-year track letterman who won the Louisiana Intercollegiate conference championship in the 440-yard dash and the mile relay.

Since leaving his alma mater, Wright has not missed a homecoming football game here in 45 seasons.



Demon great founds "Gary Reasons Athletic Scholarship Endowment"

Every time New York linebacker Gary Reasons makes a tackle this season, Northwestern's athletic scholarship endowment fund will grow.

Reasons and the Northwestern Athletic Association have announced the initiation of "The Gary Reasons Athletic Scholarship," an endowed football scholarship funded entirely by donations from Reasons and others.

Reasons, a three-time All-America linebacker at Northwestern from 1981-1983, will donate \$100 to the scholarship for every tackle he makes this season. Last year, Reasons — second team All-NFL according to College and Pro Football Newsweekly — made 90 tackles.

"I thought this would be a great avenue for me to do something significant for Northwestern," said Reasons. "The whole premise is to get together some funds where for a number of years to come, we can have some benefit to the athletic department."

Along with Reasons' contribution, the Athletic Association is accepting per tackle pledges at various rates to boost the fund.

"I thought it would be fun to set it up that way," said Reasons. "Other people, other athletes I've played with, the people around North Louisiana and Northwestern supporters can also contribute, similar to a per-mile pledge in a walk-a-thon, for example. For every tackle I make, we can build this scholarship fund at the university."

"We're very appreciative of Gary's loyalty to his alma mater and Demon football," said Greg Burke, executive direc-



Gary Reasons in action.

tor of the Athletic Association. "Gary's accomplishments and leadership during his Demon football career led the university to retire his number 34 jersey. Now he's taking the leadership role again in a way which will have everlasting impact."

Reasons, a starting inside linebacker for the Giants since his rookie season in 1984, played on New York's 1986 Super Bowl championship team. During his professional career, he has been an active supporter of Northwest-

ern's Alumni Association and the athletic program.

Last year, he was responsible for the largest single purchase at "Scholarship Auction '89," an event which kicked off the endowment program. Reasons put together a package trip to New York — including air fare, lodging and Broadway tickets — for two people to attend the New York - Washington game last Oct. 13, and the item sold for \$1,600.

Demon football coach Sam Goodwin, who had Reasons on his first Northwestern team in 1983, was thrilled by the news of the scholarship endowment.

"I hope he leads the Giants in tackles every week," said Goodwin. "And some weeks, he will."

"He's a competitor. The bigger the game, the better he plays. That was his trademark for the year we had him and that's been the way he's played for the Giants," said Goodwin. "He's got what the great ones have."

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